REMARKS

Claims 23-40 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 36, 37, 39 and 40 are withdrawn from consideration due to Applicants' election below.

The Abstract has been amended as required by the Examiner.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, as defined by the Examiner, including claims 23-35 and 38. This election is made with traverse.

Examination of the elected claims is hereby requested.

In this regard, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions.

Respect tully submitted,

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